AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A method ~~of operating a receiver, the method~~ comprising:

decoding in a receiver transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data from a signal; ~~and~~

determining from the decoded transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams; and

determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising disregarding the signal in the event of a negative determination.

3. - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data is transmitted on a lower level than service information.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~A receiver arranged to operate in a network, the receiver~~ comprising:

a decoder ~~for~~ configured to decode ~~decoding~~ transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data from a signal; and

a determiner ~~for~~ configured to determine ~~determining~~ from decoded transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and configured to determine from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure, wherein the receiver is configured to operate in a network, wherein the apparatus is a receiver.

8. (Currently amended) ~~A receiver~~ An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, comprising a

controller ~~for~~configured to disregard ~~disregarding~~ a signal associated with a negative determination.

9. (Currently amended) ~~A receiver~~ An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data is transmitted on a lower level than service information.

10. - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method ~~of forming a signal for transmission, the method~~ comprising:

~~creating service information;~~

creating transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data including an indication of whether a ~~the~~ signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and an indication of whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure; and

including the ~~service information on one level with the~~ transmission parameter signaling data on a ~~lower~~ level ~~to form~~ of the signal.

14. - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) Apparatus configured to form ~~for forming~~ a signal for transmission, the apparatus being further ~~arranged~~configured to~~for creating service information, for creating~~ create transmission parameter signaling data including an indication of whether the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and an indication of whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure, and configured to~~for including~~ include the ~~service information on one level with the~~ transmission parameter ~~information~~ signaling data on a ~~lower~~ level ~~to form~~ of the signal.

18. - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) Apparatus configured to form ~~for forming~~ a signal for transmission, the apparatus being further ~~arranged~~ configured to form a ~~signal according to~~

~~claim 19~~transmission parameter signaling data signal comprising a predetermined number of data bits defined over consecutive orthogonal frequency division multiplex symbols, the data signal comprising at a predetermined location a group of two information bits having a state dependent on whether a signal to which the data signal relates carries time-sliced elementary streams having a forward error correction framing structure.